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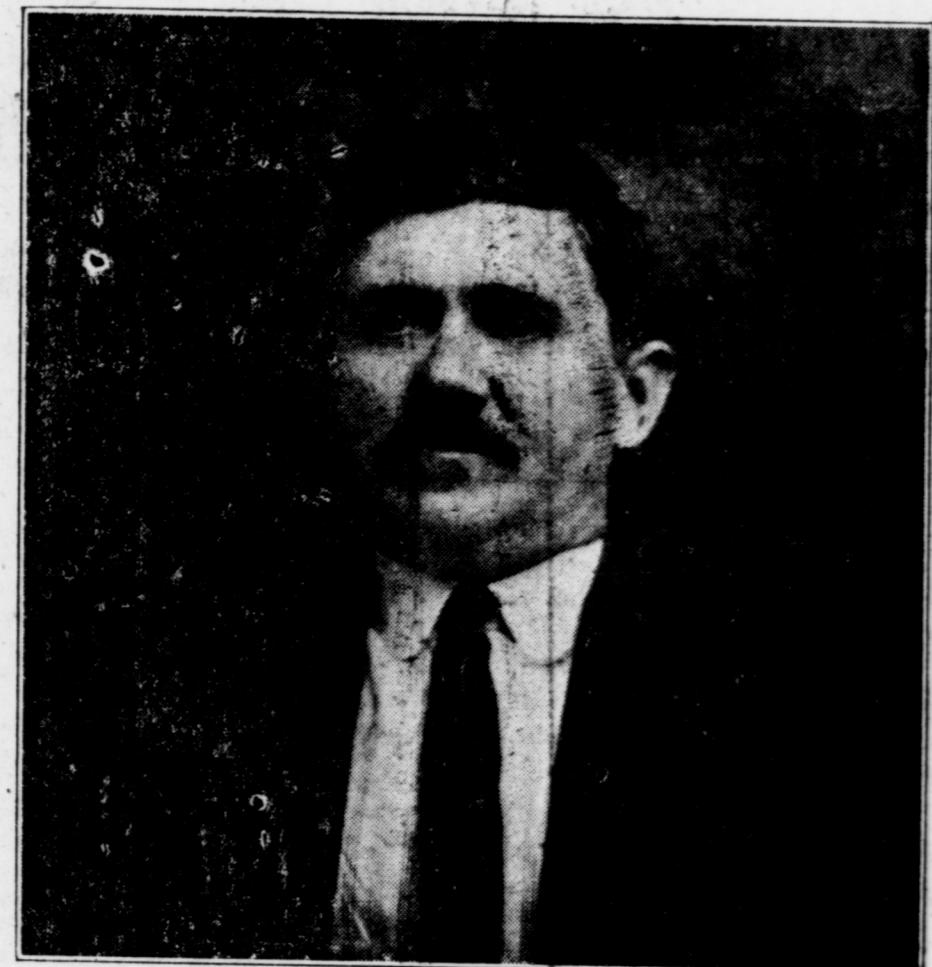
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FOR JAILER



FRANK MULLINS.

PICTURE IS DARK

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Jailer of Rockcastle county subject to the action of the Republican party as expressed at the poles August 4th, 1917. In doing this I feel that I am deserving or I would not ask it. I have always worked and voted for the Republican party and never before asked for a county office or any other office. If the party sees fit to nominate and elect me I will strive my utmost to make a Jailer that will do honor to myself and be a credit to the county. I feel that I personally know almost every voter of the county and hope to meet as many as possible before the primary. But should I not by chance see some, I hope that you will give my cause the same due consideration as though I had seen you personally. I have been an active candidate for about two months and what I have gathered in that time gives me faith in my candidacy and the assurance my nomination is certain. I have no stone to throw at any one that might see cause to oppose me in this race, but on the other hand have that kindly feeling that should exist between political opponents, especially those of the same political faith. I know this to be a free country and we are all seeking the same goal. Trusting I may meet as many of the voters as possible and that my efforts may be crowned with success I am, Resp't your friend,

FRANK MULLINS.

MAGISTRATE SOWDER'S REPLY.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

In my announcement for re election to the office of Justice of the Peace in Magisterial District No. 1, I made the statement that in my fight in the interest of the taxpayers, to keep down extravagance in the administration of the affairs of the county, I have stood alone; that I was not responsible for the present high tax rate, nor the present indebtedness of the county which runs into the thousands of dollars. To this statement the County Judge, G. M. Ballard, and Justices of the Peace Sherman Chasteen, J. L. Arnold, Lewis McGuire and W. M. Hurst take exceptions and in the Mt. Vernon Signal of February 23, they have attempted to answer, which they fail to do, but in substance admit the charge, and as they constitute the balance of the Fiscal Court, from their acts the taxpayers can draw no other conclusion than that I have stood alone and that I am yet standing alone, as they are standing together in this written statement and as they have stood together in squandering the hard-earned money of the taxpayers of this county.

The County Judge and his associates in their feeble attempt to answer my article, undertook to belittle my announcement, but made no attempt to answer it, with no explanation nor figures to disprove any statement made by me. They refer to a trip that I made with the County Road Engineer to Terre Haute. I made the trip in good faith and it did not cost the county one cent. I made it on the invitation of the company that wanted to sell the county some supplies; also on the invitation of the Road Engineer, who told me that the company had advanced the money not only to pay his expenses, but the expenses of all the Fiscal Court, and I am reliably informed that the County Judge and others of the Fiscal Court agreed to make the trip, and when I started I believed that all the members of the Fiscal Court would be there. The trouble that grew out of this trip was between the company and County Road Engineer Marler and was no expense, whatever, to the county, and has nothing whatever to do with the present financial conditions of the county.

The Taxpayers of this county are interested in knowing the exact amount of the present indebtedness and who is responsible for it, and when they get this information they will then know what to do. When the present County Judge, together with the members of the Fiscal Court, went into office on January 1, 1914, we found a surplus of \$2,311.03 in the treasury. The affairs of the county were so managed by the County Judge that at the end of the first year we had a deficit, as shown by Order Book No. 2, page 27, of \$2,757.98, and at the end of 1915 a deficit of \$5,548.64 as shown in order Book No. 2, page 93. The Sheriff's settlement for 1916 is now being made by the Commissioner and when it and the Treasurer's settlement are filed, which will be done some time in April, the exact indebtedness of the county can be ascertained, because the Treasurer's settlement will show the vouchers he has paid and the Clerk's record will show the vouchers issued and by com-

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THREE AMERICAN SHIPS ATTACKED AND SUNK

Washington Officials, Upon Receiving Latest Reports, Admit That State of War With Germany Virtually Exists

IMMEDIATE ACTION BY U. S. MIGHT COME.

Congress May Be Called To Assemble To Give President the Authority To Act—Warships May Be Sent To Seek U-Boats and 'Clear Transatlantic Lanes—Two Vessels, in Ballast, Sent Down With Complete Disregard For Men On Board—'Overt Act' Has Been Committed, Officials Believe

London.—The sinking of three American steamships, the City of Memphis, the Illinois and the Vigilancia has just been announced here.

Two of the vessels, the City of Memphis and the Illinois, were in ballast, having deposited their cargoes at European ports and started on their return.

The Vigilancia was bound for Havre. She was torpedoed without warning, and the City of Memphis was torpedoed after the crew had been given a few minutes to leave the ship.

The crew of the Illinois was saved, but members of the crews of both the Vigilancia and the City of Memphis, most of them Americans, are missing.

The Illinois was on her way from London to Port Arthur, Texas. She normally carried a crew of 35 men. Her home port was New York. She was built in 1913 at Newport News, Va., was of 5,225 gross tonnage and 390 feet long.

The captain, first and second mates, first, second and third engineers and 23 men of the crew of the Vigilancia have been landed at the Scilly Islands. The fourth engineer and 13 men are missing.

The normal crew of the Vigilancia was 44. She left New York for the Azores and Havre February 28. The present owners are Walker, Armstrong & Co., of Savannah, Ga., who bought her from the Ward Line two years ago.

During the Spanish-American war the Vigilancia gained fame as a transport for United States troops, operating between San Francisco and Manila. She was one of the fastest of the transport fleet.

The Vigilancia was built at Chester, Pa., in 1890. She was 321 feet long, 45 feet beam and had a draft of 26 feet. She was 4,115 tons.

When she left port the City of Memphis had the Stars and Stripes painted on both sides. She encountered a submarine and the commander of the latter ordered the captain of the steamer to leave his ship within 15 minutes.

The entire crew entered five boats and the submarine then fired a torpedo, which struck the vessel on the starboard side, tearing a great hole, through which the sea poured. The steamer settled down quickly and foundered within a few minutes.

Washington, D. C.—With the announcement of the ruthless destruction of three unarmed American merchant ships by submarines, it was officially admitted here that virtually a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Technically the United States remains in a position of armed neutrality. Whether this shall be changed before April 16, the date fixed for a special session of Congress, the war-making branch of the Government, President Wilson has not decided.

One step the President is contemplating is a call for an immediate session of Congress to hear an address asking for authority to adopt aggressive measures against the submarine menace. As American ships already are being armed to defend themselves, the next move must be to send warships with orders to seek out submarines and clear the trans-Atlantic lanes.

Some of the highest officials of the Government hold that the Executive has the power to declare that a state of war exists and to proceed with aggressive protective steps pending the assembling of Congress. There is no indication, however, that the President will follow that course.

Of the three ships destroyed, two of them were unloaded and homeward bound, and all were American built, American owned and officered and manned largely by American citizens. Meager dispatches indicate that all were sunk with complete disregard for the safety of those on board, and that some of the members of the crews may have been lost.

Late developments brought the Government face to face with the problem of formulating a definite policy for the nation in case the United States actually enters the war. This possibility was mentioned by the President in his inaugural address March 5.

All of the conditions outlined by the President in his message announcing

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL



Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, accepting the throne from his brother, declared that he does so only with the consent of the Russian people, who should, by a plebiscite, establish a new form of government and new fundamental laws.

GROSS TONNAGE OF 781,500 DESTROYED BY SUBMARINES IN FEBRUARY.

Berlin.—Merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were destroyed in February as a result of war measures of the Central Powers. Among them were 292 hostile ships, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 644,000, and 76 neutral ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 137,500.

"Among the neutral ships 61 were sunk by submarines, which is 16.5 per cent of the total in February, as compared with 29 per cent, the average of neutral losses in the last four months."

There is a wide disparity between the official German figures of the destruction of shipping in February, the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare, and the figures given out in England. It was said authoritatively in London on March 3 that in February German submarines sent to the bottom in round numbers 490,000 tons of shipping. No mention was made of ships destroyed by mines.

NEW RUSSIAN REGIME WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

FORMER EMPEROR NICHOLAS LEAVES CAPITAL WITH ASSOCIATES FOR HIS ESTATE.

Prof. Milukoff, New Leader, Assumes Duties—Confers With Diplomats of Other Nations.

Petrograd, via London.—Nicholas Romanoff, as the former Emperor now is designated, has left with his staff for his personal estates at Livadiav, on the south coast of the Crimea.

Petrograd, via London.—With the final cementing of the elements concerned in the construction of the new government upon the ruins of the old, the new Cabinet Ministers, relieved of the heavy grind of the endless conferences of the last few days, in which they suffered many anxious hours, have assumed the posts to which they were assigned. Prof. Paul N. Milukoff at the foreign office received the diplomatic representatives of the Entente allies, after which he entered upon a long cabinet conference.

One of the first acts of the minister was to send a series of cable messages to the Russian diplomats abroad to the effect that Russia was united in the desire to fight out the war with the allies, the determination to continue the conflict until the victory is achieved being stronger than ever.

The armies in the field have advised that the abdication of the Emperor has been enthusiastically acquiesced in, according to a foreign office official. Telegrams from virtually all the commanders have been received, assuring the support of the government guaranteed in advance by General Michael Alexieff, chief of staff.

CABINET MEMBER RESIGNS

General Lyautey, French Minister of War, Became Famous While in Morocco.

Paris.—General Hubert Gonzalve Lyautey, Minister of War in the French Cabinet, has resigned as the result of incidents in the Chamber of Deputies.

General Lyautey gained fame for his operations against the Moroccans. He was the Resident French Governor in Morocco for a number of years.

REPUBLIC TO BE FORM IN RUSSIA

ROMANOFF DYNASTY COMES TO AN END—CLAIM TO THRONE IS RELINQUISHED BY CZAR.

RESTRICTIVE ORDER AT PETROGRAD

Business of Every Sort Again Set in Motion—Absolute Freedom of Speech and Press, and Amnesty for Political Victims Now Assured.

Petrograd, via London.—Emperor Nicholas has abdicated on behalf of himself and the heir apparent, Grand Duke Alexis, in favor of Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch. A few hours later Grand Duke Michael himself abdicated, thus bringing the Romanoff Dynasty to an end.

The Government, pending a meeting of a Constitutional Assembly, is vested in the Executive Committee of the Duma and the newly-chosen Council of Ministers.

A manifesto to this effect was then issued by the Duma Committee. It was telegraphed to the general army headquarters.

Copenhagen.—Before abdicating the Czar named Grand Duke Nicholas as Supreme Commander of the army. The Dagens Nyheder states that Russian officials and officers incline to believe that the Grand Duke Nicholas has the confidence of the revolutionists and that he will hold the dictatorial authority over the army until conditions are settled.

Petrograd.—Russia appears to be in a fair way toward solving the greatest problem with which, perhaps, any nation was ever confronted. Order is growing with incredible rapidity out of the chaos of the last week, and the new Government, gathering up the broken threads of national and municipal life, is striving to set the organization of the country in motion so that the conduct of the war will suffer as little as possible from the revolution.

The members of the new Ministry already have assumed their posts and the Government buildings, empty and deserted for four days, are again open for official business. The banks, all the commercial and financial houses and some of the factories have already responded to the new Government's appeal, opened their doors and expressed a willingness to do everything in their power to effect as quick a recovery as possible from the paralysis of the last week. The soldier-police men are guarding the streets in place of the old gendarmes.

Hundreds of messages have been received from all over the country declaring the allegiance of important cities and fortresses to the new regime. Moscow, Kharkov, Tsarskys and Volgograd already have formally acknowledged the new Government and so far as is known not a single section of the country stands out for the old order of things. Supported by unanimous vote, the present Government is, in reality, a Government of the people.

The Council of Nobility has held special meetings in 15 provinces and endorsed the new Government.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following persons as candidates for the respective offices in Rockcastle county subject to the Republican primary election in August, 1917:

FOR JUDGE,
Cam Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY,
E. R. Gentry, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR SHERIFF,

Mose McNew, of Wildie, Ky.
FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK,
J. B. Cummings, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

S. F. Bowman, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

James Proctor, of Orlando, Ky.

FOR JAILER,

"Little" Tom Taylor, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Logue Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

G. W. Decker, of Cedarville, Ky.

J. S. Southards, of Pine Hill, Ky.

Frank Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Alice Davis, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Rev. Wm. M. Durham, Johnetta, Ky.

FOR MAGISTRATE,

FIRST DISTRICT,

W. M. Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

G. W. Murphy, of Livingston, Ky.

FOR CONSTABLE,

FIRST DISTRICT,

J. A. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

The calling of Congress in special session on April 2, two weeks in advance of the original call for the gathering of the war-making branch of the Government, constitutes a momentous occurrence which overshadows by its import all other news connected with the war. President Wilson has summoned Congress to decide "grave questions of national policy." The President is expected to declare that a state of war has existed with Germany for sometime, and it is also expected that Congress will declare a state of war to exist and give the President authority to use the armed forces of the country. The possibility that Germany may anticipate any move by the United States in this direction by a declaration of war on the United States is forecast in Berlin advice reaching Holland. These are to the effect that a state of war with the United States will be an accomplished fact within forty-eight hours.

THE railroad strike is settled and for it, the American people have every reason to rejoice. Had a nation wide strike been called at this critical moment, it would have meant more to the people of the United States, than all the fighting we will ever do with Germany.

WHEN the same or even worse can come to the Kaiser, that has befallen the Czar, what a glorious day it will be for all mankind.

Boone-Way Man
In Texas

"The smooth moving warm southern breezes" yes one finds them here the biggest portion of the year, tho from January to first of March their smoothness and warmth are somewhat varied when the north wind disputes with his southern brother for supremacy. They (the winds) play hide and seek. The southern breeze usually has possession, but seemingly tired out stop, then is chased back into the Gulf by the wind what seems to represent breezes from the north pole, any other and the country has the

least edge of good roads, tho they are building. One gravel pit or quarry, contains 50 acres with material from three to 25 feet in thickness. J. W. Slavin, our old Garrard county friend has a \$30,000 gravel plant near Columbus, from which he ships road material to various points.

When a severe "Northern" arrives it seems to carry all sorts of weapons, including razors, drags and butcher knives, the "cut" so severely on account of the sudden changes. One old Texan told the writer that "way back in the 80s, while driving an ox team to town, one became overheated and fell dead. While skinning the dead animal a northern came up, firing the other ox to death in his tracks and the carcass didn't all but remained standing." When we recovered from the shock, we told the narrator we had some very fine ones, for truthfulness old Kentucky, referring to Will Owens at Livingston and H. L. Mullins of Mt. Vernon, and a few others whose names we did not mention, on account of our intention to return to Kentucky soon. Peace at any price.

Most of corn crop has been planted.

Frost on March 4th did much damage to gardens and some to fruit trees.

Some of the Texas counties are shipping canned Jack rabbits. In catching them, "drives" are had in which often, thousands of the long eared game are captured.

The armadillo is proving an asset in the h.c.l. in many southern Texas localities. He is a small animal, covered with an armor of hinged shells and reminds one of a turtle between a turtle and a porcupine. He came into this portion of the state from Mexico during the past quarter of a century. The darkness were the first to discover the value of its flesh. The armadillo can roll himself into a ball and his shell completely covers him from the attack of dogs. They burrow for living and sleeping quarters.

From Huston to San Antonio, 213 miles, is almost one vast prairie broken occasionally by a river or creek. Many stretches, of from five to ten miles, but a few trees can be seen. Live oak, (always green), covered with long flwing gray mass, is the most prominent growth. There are pecan, post and black oak, mesquite, cottonwood, persimmon, weeping, walnut, haw and black jack trees here, but their growth is small compared with Kentucky trees. Among the fruit trees are found the peach, pear, fig and orange. Apples won't mature. Tobacco will grow here to immense size but it won't cure in this salt atmosphere. Corn and cotton are the staple crops. Considerable cattle raising is still going on.

Droughts, storms and overflows have done great damage in this portion of state during past few years.

Texas is a great state, but like others, has its advantages and disadvantages. Some of the northern land agents, who have secured holdings down their way, I am told, have been to a disadvantage to emigration by their misrepresentation of actual situation and conditions, deceiving buyers who have never seen the lands etc. Many who have been induced to come, would have returned had they had means to do so. Not a good idea to purchase lands you have never seen. There is good land and poor land here. People coming here with but little money have pretty rough sledding of it, for a time at least. The good price for cotton in 1916 was a great thing for the planters.

Texas is wide awake on the road question.

The highways from Galveston to Huston is made of shells, dredged from Galveston bay. The majority of Texas roads, over which the writer has driven (400 miles) are made of gravel, which is found in some countries, in large beds, hills. Gravel is also taken from rivers. There is more gravel in Colorado county than in any other and the county has the

least edge of good roads, tho they are building. One gravel pit or quarry, contains 50 acres with material from three to 25 feet in thickness. J. W. Slavin, our old Garrard county friend has a \$30,000 gravel plant near Columbus, from which he ships road material to various points.

The writer will wind up his Texas tour within next fifteen days spending two or three days with Warren Slavin and highway friends in Huston, one of Texas' fastest growing cities. The Rice hotel and the Rice Institute are located there. It will be remembered that Rice, a multimillionaire, was murdered, and his taking off charged to — Patrick, who underwent a number of trials for his life. The writer has seen the hotel and Institute building and grounds upon which the philanthropist had expended millions before his untimely taking off.

THE PNEUMONIA SEASON

The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germs. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less danger. As soon as the first indication of cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the gains of this preparation, ask any one who has used it.

By special arrangement and through the courtesy of local Modern Woodmen, the Bonne Way theatre has booked two reels of motion pictures featuring George Gray, in a true and realistic film story of his part in the present war—not of bloodshed—but in the fight against and conquest of that human menagerie, monster of the human flea—tuberculosis. Gray is one of the million members of the Modern Woodmen of America. Discovering that he is afflicted with this disease, he takes advantage of this disease, he takes advantage of the comforts, care, and cure of the Sanatorium owned, maintained and operated by the Society, ree of charge to its members. For several years that fraternal institution has this a lively and effective cooperator in the world wide movement advocated by the Red Cross and medical authorities to stamp out the dread "white plague" and Gray is the beneficiary of this Woodmen life saving station. It is an intensely interesting and heart gripping story of the leave taking of wife and children. Weak in body and hopeless in mind he journeys to the beautiful Rocky Mountain region near Colorado Springs, Colorado, where, in the rarified climate and constant sunshine, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, he is destined to spend nine months at the foot of Mount Cedar, in the care of the most modern Sanatorium in the world. His experiences in "chasing the cure" his absolute rest from all cares, and labor his gradual return to health and strength, his "hikes" among the fragrant pines and over the rocky trails of the U.S. forest reserve, leased by and adjoining and Sanatorium, result in his final return to family and friends, victorious over his foe. "The Value of a Life" is a thrilling and dramatic story—and absolutely true as well; indeed, Gray's experience has been duplicated by nearly 3,000 of fellow neighbors, who have already enjoyed the benefits of this justly celebrated institute. This film is pronounced by competent authorities to be one of the very best in this age of highly developed motion pictures, and is in such great demand that it can be booked for only one day and night in each town or city. It is a rare opportunity one can not afford to miss.

At the Boone Way theatre, on April 1, a benefit of 7 P.M., there will be two reels and four other reels featuring Marguerite Clark in "Wudflier" will be shown at Boone Way Opera House Wednesday night April 4th.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

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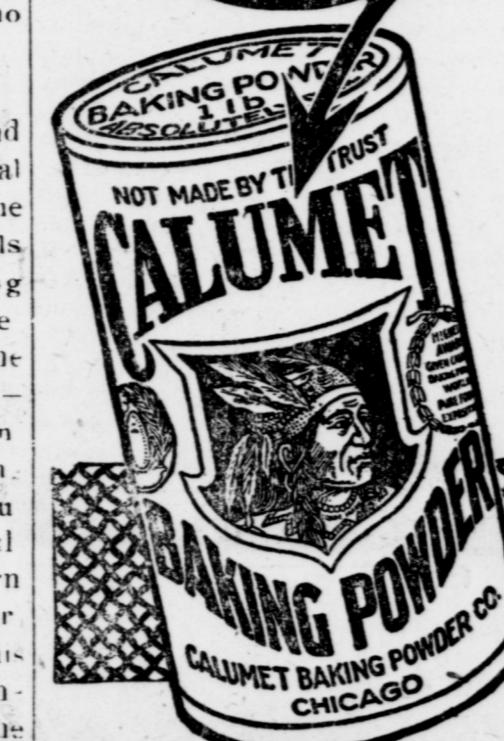
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MARETBURG

So much rain is making farmers very late in this section. Farmers say that very little plowing has been done. — J. S. Sowards will cultivate a part of the J. N. Vanhook farm — David Talent rented the John Hamlin house and ground. Also some land of Lewis McCall for tobacco and potatoes.

— Charlie Betherup is a resident of our town, but will raise his crop on his father place. — J. F. Lewis, has been on the sick list for a week or so — Mrs. French, of near Stanford, who spent the winter with Mrs. McCall returned home last Tuesday. — L. F. McCall and wife visited home folks Sunday. Miss Lena McCall accompanied them home for a few days visit. — Miss Bertha Sowards broke a pin off in her hand causing a very painful injury. — Frank Hunt is building a new house and the report is that Frank will take in a house-keeper when completed. — Everything looks dark and war clouds gathering over our horizon, but may the good and guiding hand lead our dear Ruler of this great and good country in the right and bring us out victorious.

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Mt. Vernon,
Ky.

Opposite
Court House

After a month and a day, the lower house of the legislature, with the senate doing nothing all the time but drawing \$10 each for its members, passed the bill to put a tax commission in charge of the revenue affairs of the state, to be composed of the auditor, whose pay is increased by \$600 and two others, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, to receive \$3,600 a year each. The secretary is to have \$2,000 a year and \$15,000 is provided for expenses. This is considerably less in salaries and expenses than originally proposed, but even at that it will be an expensive affair. It bears somewhat of a resemblance to putting cart before the horse in fixing a commission before the more important matters of classification of property and rate of taxation are fixed out most anything is possible but real patriotic service in such a mongrel assemblage, which according to the Courier Journal is costing \$6.01 a minute for the time it work. — Interior Journal.

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REMEDY A FAVORITE FOR
COLDS.

J. L. Easley, Macon, Ga., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says, "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly.

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The old method of dosing delicate little stomachs with nauseous drugs is wrong and harmful. Try the external treatment. Vick's "Vap-O-Rub" Salve. Just rub a little over the throat and chest. The vapors, released by the body heat, loosen the choking phlegm and ease the difficult breathing. A bedtime application insures sound sleep. 25c, 50c, or \$1.00.

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PERSONAL

J H Mullins and family will
move to Avoca soon.Herbert Cox is home for a few
days from Dayton, Ohio.Master J Preston Young has
been very sick for the past week.Miss Flora Pennington of Liv-
ingston, was with relatives here
this week.Mr. and Mrs. Meshack Gentry
have returned from Avoca and
will reside here.John Robins, merchant, and J.
D. Martin, tobacco manufacturer
of Brodhead, were here on busi-
ness Tuesday.Rev. Potorf of Brodhead preach-
ed at Christian Church Wednes-
day night. Mr. Potorf is an inter-
esting speaker.Mrs. W. N. Thompson of the
Mareburg section was called to
Bell county last week on account
of the serious illness of her father.Mrs. Mary Williams, who has
been very sick for the past few
days, is but little better. She has
a good day and night and then a
bad one. However, no uneasiness
is felt by the Doctor or family
without a very great change from
what she is at present.A. B. Furnish was here from
Barbourville the day looking
after his property. Arch has
done well since he left Mt. Vernon
which will be good news to his
many friends in Rockcastle. He
and F. M. Maxey built most of
the grade for the Manchester
railroad and are now figuring on
two other contracts for the sum-
mer. Mrs. Furnish has been in
Cincinnati during the winter.

LOCAL

Subscribe for the Bulletin,
Livingston's Newspaper.Onion Sets, yellow and white
Early Six weeks seed potatoes at
DRUMMOND'S Store.Walk Over Oxfords for men, in
all the newest lasts at SUTTON &
MCBEE'SSeveral thousand pair of shoes
for sale at SUTTON & MCBEE'S a
last year's prices.W. R. McClure has opened a
pool room in Gregg Thomason's
place just outside corporation.Don't be scared to death about
the high prices of shoes, we have
plenty of shoes in reach of every
body.

SUTTON & MCBEE

First State Bank will be organ-
ized at Livingston next Monday.
Come in and see us while in town
DRUMMOND'S StoreMr. Durrett, president of the
Durrett Construction Co., was
here Tuesday getting things in
readiness to resume work on the
Roundstone pike, just as soon as
the weather will permit.The Mathews, Senter Oil Co.
are now figuring with the Rock-
castle Oil & Gas Co for machinery
to put down well on their hold-
ings of the former company in
the Southwest part of the county.Get ready for Easter. Pretty
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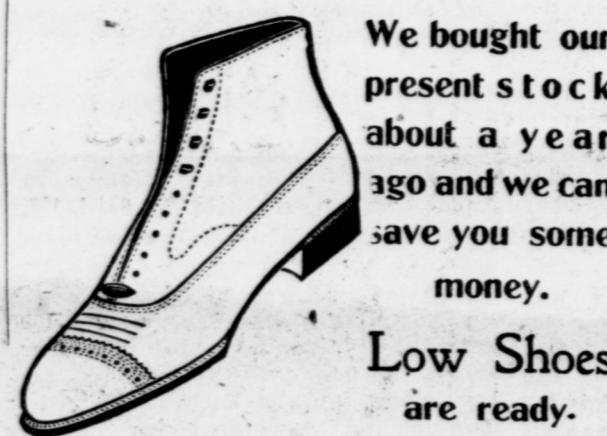
The call of Spring is reaching
every man—and suggests New
Clothes. Other seasons of the year are
beautiful, but the Spring time is accepted by all
as a general "DRESS UP" occasion — for
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For over a quarter of a century this store has been the style
center of this community. And we are ready — splendidly
ready to serve the people who are looking for Better Clothes
and Better Clothes Service. They are



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your Easter Suit, made to your
measure, if we can't fit you from
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Mrs. Lauretta Rowzee, for many
years a resident of Mt. Vernon,
but for the past few years, has
been making her home with her
daughter, Mrs. Jake Pike at Wal-
lens Creek, died Wednesday of
pneumonia. The remains were
brought here on the early train
yesterday morning and laid to
rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

W. A. Carson, the Brodhead
painter, has just finished paint-
ing the inside of U. G. Baker's
store room and is now at work
on People Bank, touching up the
dirty spots. A little paint well
applied certainly adds to the
attractiveness of any place. There
are quite a number who will
evidently follow suit.

B. A. Hayes left yesterday for
Jeffersonville, Ind., where they
will spend some time with Mrs.
Hayes' parents before going on
to Nebraska where Mr. Hayes ex-
pects to locate. Bert is a good
man and a progressive farmer
and we regret very much to lose
him from our county.

W. H. Graves, who sold his
holdings in the Mt. Vernon Tele-
phone Co. to J. F. Dees, severed
all connection with the company
and on yesterday moved back to
his farm on Skees Creek. Mr.
Sidney Hellard will move to the
exchange property today and take
charge of the Mt. Vernon ex-
change.

Ladies suits, coats, hats SUT-
TON & MCBEE

OIL SITUATION

Oil promoters have been few
in Rockcastle for the past week
and but little has been done. A
few leases have been secured by
local parties, a few which have
expired and the renewal rentals
not paid have been leased by
other parties.

The Rockcastle Oil & Gas Co.
are at work on well No. 2 which
is located on Dee Cummins' place
and about 75 yards from well No.
1. How deep they are can well
No. 2 seems to be a secret so far
as outsiders are concerned.

We are reliably informed that
H. T. Schafer, who has three rigs
in Jackson county, will have one
of those machines in this county
before many weeks. Mr. Schafer
built the machines at Bond, Jack-
son county and are of the 3000
foot capacity.

The Brodhead company are pro-
gressing with well on A. T. Furn-
ish farm. They are now down
about 500 feet.

The lecture "Knight of the
Twentieth Century", Dr. Gan-
field, President of Central Uni-
versity Danville, given at the
Graded school building Tuesday
evening, was especially enjoyed
and appreciated by the splendid
audience who heard him. Dr.

Ganfield filled in on the Lyceum
Course, the number originally
booked for Sylvester Long but so
far as the Mt. Vernon folks are
concerned, the change proved a
most acceptable one. Dr. Gan-
field's pleasing manner made him
many friends during his short
stay in our little town.

Boy play suits 75¢, to \$1.25
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ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce myself as a
candidate for Jailer of this coun-
ty, subject to the action of the
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And I wish to say to the
voters of this county that I have
been a life long Republican and
have always done every thing in
my power for the party and if
elected, I promise the people to
make them a good sober officer
and if I am defeated in the prim-
ary I promise all my opponents
that I will take the stump for
the one who defeats me if it is
deemed necessary. Your support
will sure be appreciated.

J. S. SOUTHDADS.

LANGDON SCHOOL NOTES
Star Roll and Honor Roll.
Langdon School for month end-
ing March 15th.

STAR ROLL
Flora Pitman, Louise Landrum.

HONOR ROLL
Effie Belle Chasteen, Ethel
Chesnut, Dorothy Albright, Mary
Elizabeth Lawrence, Mary Eliza-
beth Fee, Anna McDowell, Sadie
Price.

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Gingham, pretty patterns and
colors. \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50 at
DRUMMOND'S store.

W. J. Spark Co, not being able
to fill all orders for rock, at the
Mt. Vernon and Mullins Station
plants, are getting ready to resume
operations at their Sparks Quarry
plant, which has been closed down
for more than a year.

The State Christian and Junior
Endeavor Conventions meet in
Danville tomorrow and next day.
The list of delegates from Mt.
Vernon societies will be given

WITHERS

Joe Wilson, the county survey-
or, was in this part last week do-
ing some surveying.—C. E. Mul-
lins was in Mt. Vernon last Mon-
day.—Herbert Anderson will leave
for Winchester, Tuesday.—Mat
Green passed through a few days
ago buying hogs for the Rich-
mond market.—Estill Mullins was
in Livingston, Saturday.—Mrs.

Margaret Martin and son, Hamil-
ton were visiting relatives in Liv-
ingston, from Sunday until Mon-
day.—The infant son of Dillard
Cotton remains very sick.—Mrs.

Ben Mullins was the guest of

Sarah A. Mullins, Sunday.—
Douglas and Oma, the two small

children of Jones French that
have been sick for a few days,
are said to be improving.—Fred

Evans of London, was with the
merchants of this place last week.

—Chas. French and family will
leave in a few days for Colorado
to make their future home.—Well,

most all of the old correspondents
appeared in the Signal last week,
also some new ones, so let each

and everyone try to write every
week and the Signal will be very

interesting to most of us, as most
all of us like to read the news
from all parts of the county.—Dr.

Cornelius, of Berea, was in this
part Saturday.—Rev. Ponder

filled his regular appointment at
Cave Ridge, Saturday and Sun-
day.—Seems like the way winter

holds on there is going to be very
little gardening done in March.—
Thomas Anderson is contemplat-
ing moving his family to Win-
chester in a few days.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Preaching Service 11:00 a.m.—

Subject, "The Crisis of a Nation."

Meeting of Official Board, 3 p.m.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 p.m.

Preaching service, 7:30 p.m.—

Subject, "Our National Sin."

Please note change of hour for
evening services

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A. M. Hiatt, Admr.

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CASTORIA

The IRON CLAW

by Arthur Stringer

SYNOPSIS.

On Windward Island Palford intrigues Mrs. Golden into an appearance of evil which causes Golden to capture the torture of the Italian by breaking his face and crushing his hand. Palford floods the island and kidnaps Golden's little daughter Margery. Twelve years later in New York a Masked One rescues Margery from Legar and takes her home to the north where she is restored. Margery's mother fruitlessly implores Golden to find their daughter. The Laughing Mask again takes Margery away from Legar. Legar sends to Golden a warning and a death threat in a portion of the chart of Windward Island. Margery meets her mother. The chart is lost in a fight between Manley and one of Legar's henchmen but is recovered by the Laughing Mask. Captain Da Espares, figure in dubious attempt to entrap Legar and claims to have killed him. Golden's house is dynamited during a masked ball. Legar escapes but Da Espares is crushed in the ruins. Margery rescues the Laughing Mask from the police and finds Margery not indifferent to his love. He saves her from Manley's poisoned arrows. Manley plans a mock funeral which fails to accomplish the desired purpose, the capture of the Iron Claw and the girl. Margery is saved from death at the hands of the Iron Claw by the Laughing Mask. An attempt by the Iron Claw to blow up the O'Mara cottage is frustrated in the nick of time. The Laughing Mask discloses his identity to Margery and she hears the police's plan to take the Laughing Mask prisoner and hastens to warn him. They escape both the police and the Iron Claw. Later the Laughing Mask is almost taken aside with Margery at her mother's. He pleads convincingly. Margery's father tells her that the Mask has met death.

FIFTEENTH EPISODE

The Double Resurrection.

As Legar leaned back in the dim seclusion of his smoothly running limousine he permitted his scar-ravaged features the rare luxury of a twisted smile.

Behind that leering face the active brain was marshaling certain past events and generating certain future schemes. One fact was indisputable—in the past two men had blocked him at every turn. These enemies were now out of the way—they were dead.

The limousine purred steadily southward through the deepening shadows of the almost deserted avenue. It turned into a mean side street and drew up beside the curb, well beyond the range of the sputtering arc light.

Two skulking figures sidled out of a gloomy areaway and approached the limousine as Legar got out. These worthies, answering to the appellations of Red Eagan and One-Lamp Louie, were of that primordial type which recognizes only the law of brute force. So it was that Red Eagan, mistaking Legar's twisted smile for something approaching good humor, attempted an unusual degree of familiarity.

"Say, gov'nor, I don't want t' raise a holler, but that swell buzz wagon must eat up a pile of swag."

Legar replied curtly, with darkening face.

"You'll get your share of the stuff, Eagan, no more and no less. But there are times when that kind of talk might prove unhealthy, and the sooner the fact penetrates your thick skull the better."

The trio cautiously approached a ruined old Washington Square mansion, and slipping into this dubious rabbit warren, crossed the hall, dimly lit by one sickly gas jet. As they started up the stairs, a slender, heavily veiled young woman came hastily out of one of the rooms on the top floor. She leaned for a moment over the rickety balustrade, striving to pierce the half gloom enshrouding the identity of the oncoming visitors. Wheeling about the young woman darted swiftly through one of the half dozen doors off the hallway. Her refuge proved to be a windowless walled room cluttered with dilapidated trunks and useless relics of bygone lodgers.

From the depths of an ancient cabinet, the veiled stranger drew forth a telephonic helmet. As she quickly adjusted the microphone over her ears she heard the sound of voices. The voices, restrained and low-toned at first, rapidly became loud and querulous.

The angry tones were those of Jules Legar and Red Eagan. The storm of heated words centered about the heavy iron safe standing in one corner of the room. Up to a comparatively short time ago this safe had been the receptacle of certain valuables looted by Red Eagan and One-Lamp Louie, under Legar's directions, from a palatial upper Fifth Avenue residence. The safe door now stood open—its contents scattered promiscuously about the floor, but of the Van Horn family plate there was no trace.

"The guy what cracked this crib had the inside dope for sure," was Red Eagan's muttered comment.

"Are you trying to insinuate this is a plan to double-cross you and Louie?" queried Legar.

"I ain't insinuatin' nothin'," was the other's surly response, "but who else was hep to where the stuff was salted?"

The answer Red Eagan received was both prompt and effective. A heavy projectile caught him neatly on

the point of the jaw. He gyrated limply to the floor, where he lay for a moment in dazed uncertainty. Then with a vindictive oath he tugged loose his automatic and fired point-blank at the sardonic face bending over him. A purple mist clouded the gunman's aim and the bullet spent itself with a soft plunk in the plastered ceiling. Before Eagan could fire a second time, that terrible iron projectile attached to the stump of Legar's arm descended again with lightning speed and sent the revolver spinning to the other side of the room.

At the staccato bark of the pistol the status quo eavesdropper in the storeroom had stiffened with rigid expectation, but when Legar's incisive tones again broke in on her ears she displayed a sudden and startling activity. Throwing off her metallic headgear, she quickly up-ended an oblong packing case and, balancing on this shaky pedestal, worked loose the rusty hasp securing the heavy skylight. Forcing the yielding framework gradually upward with her head and shoulders, she wormed and undulated her way to the flat tin roof. Catlike she took the ten-foot drop to the roof of the adjoining house, landing lightly on her feet, and, scudding through a door opening upon a stairway, made her way down to the street.

A few moments later the meditative Red Eagan, walking slowly across the narrow strip of shadowy park, felt a light tap on his shoulder. He wheeled sharply in his tracks, his hand reaching instinctively toward his empty gun pocket. He quickly realized he had nothing to fear from this veiled woman who stood quietly confronting him, and who in no way resembled an emissary from that domed building known as headquarters. She silently motioned him toward a secluded bench near by. Prompted by a vague curiosity, Eagan warily followed her. It was not until they were seated that the woman of mystery spoke.

"Never mind how I know, but you have a heavy score to settle with a one-armed man calling himself Jules Legar—I can help you in this."

At that moment this strange conference was augmented by a third person, who took up his stand behind a thick-baled maple, where he could hear every word spoken. Legar, surmising the mutinous gunman was in a mood to stir up trouble, had dispatched One-Lamp Louie to shadow his former pal.

"The plan is a simple one—your master has made it appear that a number of terrible crimes were perpetrated by his enemy, the Laughing Mask. Even the police have been persuaded to take that view. But you know, and I know, the real guilt lies with Legar. This man must be brought to justice and the name of the Laughing Mask cleared, even though he be dead. This can be done only by showing in detail how these crimes were committed—if you will expose those details tonight and place them in my hands tomorrow I will see that your score with Jules Legar is paid in full."

The woman paused, and then continued—evidently trying a different tact. "If you do what I ask faithfully, I will also make good your share of the loot which so mysteriously took wings and vanished from Legar's safe. But remember—I have the power to punish as well as to reward."

"Come to a place in Jersey called Rosedale—when you get off the train turn to the left and follow the highway until you see a big white house standing on a hill—a little way down the road you will see an old barn on the edge of a deep gully—at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning I will meet you just outside that old barn. I will have your money and shall expect you to have the written statement disclosing Legar's crimes."

Again she hesitated, and then, hoping to play on Eagan's apparent credulity, added, "The spirit of the dead Laughing Mask is working with me. He will watch you every move, until that paper is in my hands!"

This chance shot told heavily, for the superstitious yeggman, while fearing no corporal enemy, possessed an unreasoning dread for anything savoring of the supernatural. Casting an apprehensive look about him, he bleated out in terror:

"For Gawd's sake, call off the spirit, lady. I give you my dyin' oath an' affadavit t' do what yer axed me, but I don't want t' go up against no spooks."

One-Lamp Louie, who had been drinking in this artfully staged flummery with avid ears, his one good optic almost starting from its socket, now precipitately rushed to his chief. As he reported in detail his filched version of the conversation between Red Eagan and the veiled guardian of departed spirits, it was apparent he shared in no light measure the superstitious fear of his traitorous confere. But these vaporish fancies were quickly dispelled by the crafty-minded master schemer.

"You're as bad as some half-witted old woman, failing for that spirit bunk," snapped Legar. "I suppose

you'll want someone to hold your hand in the dark after this."

"If there ain't no spirits mixed up in this deal, gov'nor, who tipped off that bunch o' craps to all this inside gossip she handed Red?" solemnly queried the wide-eyed thug.

"Unless I miss my guess there's a dictaphone planted in this room and I'm going to find it if it takes a week," said Legar.

He lost no time in making good this declaration, fishing under the furniture, along the moldings and in the dark corners of the room with that prehensile iron hook which seemed almost endowed with human intelligence. Suddenly he gave a guttural bark of triumph—under the heavy iron safe backed against the wall he found the object of his search and a few moments' work sufficed to trace the tell-tale thread of wire back to the storeroom, where the up-ended packing case and unlocked sky-light told their own story.

"That ought to answer your ravings," was Legar's quiet-toned comment to his bewildered lieutenant, and then he added maliciously, "there will be some uninvited guests at the next seance of your highpriestess friend, and somehow I have a feeling that she and Red are going to join those departed spirits inside of the next twenty-four hours."

The unsuspecting object of Legar's levity, with her features still heavily shrouded as on the preceding night, stepped out of the sagging doorway of a weather-stained old barn which clung dizzily to the brink of a precipitous and rock-toothed ravine. As she approached the formal Italian garden centered about a musically cascading fountain she perceived a golden-haired girl seated on one of the rustic benches.

Presently an elderly, white-haired man, whose deep-lined face and troubled eyes bore mute witness of past mental strife, came slowly down the gravelled walk and stopped beside the disconsolate figure on the rustic bench.

"You mustn't take this so to heart, Margery—if Davy could speak from the grave he would tell you to be brave for his sake—and as for the Laughing Mask—that unmitigated scoundrel and hypocrite isn't worth one of your tears."

The trembling on Margery's lips remained unspoken, for at that moment a young woman whose features were hidden by heavy folds of black veiling stepped out from behind a vine-covered trellis.

"You are doing the Laughing Mask a grave injustice, Enoch Golden," she cried in a clear and ringing voice, "and even now if you and your daughter will accompany me but a short distance I will place in your hands indisputable proof of what I say."

A suddenly reanimated Margery sprang to her feet. She turned to the unknown intruder and cried impetuously: "Can you really show that the Laughing Mask was innocent of all those terrible charges? If you can, please, please take us quickly to where you have you proof."

"Wait, Margery," cautioned the experience-saddened banker. "First let this veiled person tell us who she is and where she wants to take us. This may be one of Legar's tricks, for all we know."

"I am a well-wisher of the Laughing Mask. Beyond that I cannot disclose my identity," came the guarded reply. "I am unarmed and ask you to go only as far as the old barn on your own estate."

Still questioning the outcome of this dubious venture, the stern-faced millionaire finally yielded to Margery's earnest importuning, and, following the black-garbed figure of their swiftly moving guide, they presently stood before the dilapidated old building tottering on the brink of the ravine. At that moment a thick-set, flat-floated individual shuffled into view along the dusty road, the visor of his cap pulled low over his malevolent blue-jowled face and his beefy fists jerking uneasily as he walked. The woman in black turned to her companions, and, indicating this ungainly figure, spoke rapidly.

"I have every reason to believe that man has kept faith with me, and if I am right I shall be able in a few minutes to place in your hands the proof of which I spoke. But if there should be treachery I wish to face it alone. You will find that the harness room in the loft of the barn has a strong door with heavy bolts. Please wait for me there, and at the first sound of trouble, barricade yourself until help comes from the house."

"This sounds like trap," returned the millionaire, with emphatic disapproval. "Come, Margery, come back to the house at once."

But Margery Golden proved to have a will of her own as well as a surprising faith in that mysterious defender of the Laughing Mask. Taking her father's arm she half coaxed, half led the protesting master of finance into the ramshackle old structure which bore little semblance to a citadel of defense.

So far everything had gone in accordance with the carefully laid plans of the muffled strategist, and with a feeling that victory was within her reach, she quickly approached Red Eagan, who was waiting near by with undisguised impatience.

"Sure, I got what you lookin' for, lady," he answered in reply to her look of interrogation, "but between them spirits an' a cramp in my mitt, I've had one 'ell of a night."

Reaching into an inner pocket Red Eagan drew out a grimy ink-splashed paper.

"This 'ere dockment will put th' bug on that iron claw gorilla all

right. Now, if yer ready t' come across wid—"

The gunman's words were suddenly clipped short by the sharp crack of a pistol. A look of surprised consternation came into Red Eagan's face—for a moment he swayed unsteadily on his feet—then slowly crumpled into a heap of inanimate clay. Into the startled vision of his companion came a black limousine furiously racing along the highway, the evil face of Legar plainly discernible as he leaned far out from the swaying vehicle, emptying his automatic in their direction. There was not a moment to lose. Snatching the crimson-stained paper from under the limp body of the slain gunman, the woman ran swiftly toward the old barn, reaching that sanctuary just as Legar and his confederates swarmed out of the limousine in hot pursuit. Through the sagging portals and up the rickety stairs she darted, the wolfish pack close at her heels. For a brief instant she surveyed her surroundings. Behind the heavy oaken door of the harness-room she knew Margery and her father had taken refuge in accordance with her instructions, and she must in no way jeopardize their safety.

Close by a broken window, overlooking the depths of the rocky gorge, stood a shabby old-fashioned trunk. It took but a moment for the hardened fugitive to scramble into that ancient receptacle, but even as she lowered the cover Legar and his henchmen stormed up the narrow stairs. The quick eye of the master crook caught the movement of that closing trunk cover. Grinning with unholly exultation, he turned to his unsavory crew of followers.

"Take that trunk and throw it out the window," snarled Legar. "We've caged our bird all right, and when she hits those rocks she won't feel like meddling with my business for some time to come."

As he led his murderous band out of the old building toward the abruptly sloping wall of the ravine, the door of the harness room slowly opened and Enoch Golden stepped out, closely followed by his horror-stricken daughter.

"I could see plainly through that crack in the door," murmured the white-faced girl, "the poor woman tried to hide in a trunk and Legar had his men drop her from the window."

The distressed look in her eyes changed to one of sudden bewilderment. From out of the cobwebbed mouth of a grain chute, over which the trunk had been resting, appeared the head and shoulders of the veiled stranger. As she regained her footing on the rough boarded floor she drew from the inside of her black gown a crumpled and blood-stained paper. This she quietly handed to the startled girl.

"Here is the proof I promised you," were her low-toned words.

"But how did you escape from the trunk?" interrogated the still beweedered Margery. "Who are you? And why did you risk your life to clear the name of the Laughing Mask?"

The woman replied calmly.

"Half the bottom of the trunk was broken away and it was easy for me to slide through the opening into that grain chute. As to who I am, the time has come when I am ready to reveal my identity." The woman of mystery, with a quick movement, tore off her heavy veil and with it a wig of dark hair, disclosing a clean-cut and boyishly handsome face. An incredulous gasp of surprise burst from Margery's lips—"Davy!" she shrieked joyfully. "Oh, Davy, you have come back to us from the dead."

"Yes, I have come back to you," answered the resurrected Manley, "soon I will tell you the whole story, but now unless we are to fall into the clutches of Legar and his band of cutthroats we must leave this building at once."

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A little later Manley sat on the blue-pillared veranda relating his strange story to a group of listeners.

"I remember a terrible explosion," he said reflectively, "then the mauls came tumbling down about my ears like a house of cards. After that everything seemed to get dark, and about a week ago I came to my senses lying on a cot in a hospital. You must have mistaken some other poor beggar for me, and, while everyone thought I was dead, it seemed like a good chance to catch Legar off his guard. I got the paper I wanted, but I guess I've stirred up a hornet's nest."

One of the listeners was a bull-necked individual with a reddish-brown complexion, wearing the uniform of a captain of police. He now shuffled his feet uneasily.

"That's all very interesting, young man," he broke in with an air of impatience, "but I've come all the way to this jumpin' off place from headquarters to get that Van Horn loot you say you lifted out of Legar's nest."

"I've got a couple of shoo fly cops from Jersey City workin' with me on this job and it's time we get down to business."

"All right, Captain Brackett," rejoined the smiling Davy as he rose to his feet, "we can get the stolen plate whenever you're ready. The stuff is down in the old barn hidden in one of the feed bins. We had Negus, the second man, mount guard over it with a rifle until you come."

As the group moved toward the steps of the veranda a stoop-shouldered old gardener pottering over a nearby tulip bed straightened his beefy-overalled figure and touched his cap respectfully. His patriarchal beard, streaked with gray, almost covered his left arm, which he bore in a sling

improvised from a red bandanna handkerchief knotted over his shoulder.

"You can let that work go and come along with us," Golden replied, and as he caught sight of the stalwart figure of one of the undergardeners amid the shrubbery he added, reflectively, "and bring Peter with you. Fishing in the depths of a moldy bin, Davy drew out a heavily weighted gunny sack, which clanked musically to the ears of the russet-faced police captain.

"This is goin' to make some stir at headquarters," he gloated, tenderly replacing the yellow metallized dinner set, "an' I've got hunch that one-armed crook ain't so far off. We'll send the swag up to the house an' then beat every inch of the gully for this bunch of rattlesnakes."

This plan met with Golden's approval, and he turned to the old gardener who was standing with mouth agape.

"Here, Tim," he ordered, "take Peter and Negus and get this bag up to the house. Tell Miss Margery I want it locked in the gunroom safe, and keep that safe guarded carefully until we get back."

It was with much dubious head-shaking that old Tim accepted this apparently unwelcome trust, and hobbed off in company with Peter, who bore the treasure sack on his shoulder, while the perturbed Negus trailed close behind with his rifle. As they reached the gravelled driveway swinging in a graceful half circle under the columned porte-cochere the head gardener stopped as though struck by a sudden thought.

"Be gorry!" he ejaculated, "th' master clane forgot he kapes that safe locked up entoilore, nary a soul but himself knowin' th' combination—Nagus, be a good lad and run back an' ask him what'll we be doin' with th' sack."

Tim and his companion entered the house and made their way along highly polished floors to the gunroom at the further end of the imposing hall. Here they found Margery Golden, who listened with amused interest to the old Irishman's valuable description of the treasure.

"There was no necessity for sending Negus back," she exclaimed, "I know the combination of the safe quite as well as father."

A startling transformation suddenly took place in the person of old Tim. The stoop vanished from his back, and with a quick movement he freed his left arm, carried in a sling by his side. The next moment that left arm, bearing a heavy hook of wrought iron, crashed down upon the skull of the unsuspecting Peter.

With a panther-like spring the metamorphosed gardener was upon the bewildered girl bending over the safe, and again that cruel iron claw shot out, clutching her arm as in a vice.

With a derisive laugh of triumph Legar tore off his false trappings, his thin lips gave a shrill, penetrating whistle. In response to this signal a faint shuffling noise came from the direction of the fireplace, and two of Legar's followers, with faces blackened like imps of darkness, sprawled out. With a curt command from their grim-faced leader they quickly bound the shrinking girl, and, tying a handkerchief over her mouth, dragged her across the floor into

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Magistrate Sowder's Reply.

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paring the Treasurer's settlement with the Clerk's voucher book it can then be known what number of vouchers are outstanding and unpaid. However, I can state positively that at present this county is in debt not less than \$15,000.00, and here are some of the items composing this indebtedness:

Unpaid vouchers held by The Bank of Mt. Vernon...	\$5,771.44
" " Peoples Bank.....	3,685.10
" " S. D. Lewis.....	929.00
" " Dr. Lee Chesnut.....	120.00
" " Wm. Poynter.....	900.00
General Road Fund indebtedness to the Bond Issue Fund, as shown by report of County Judge and Road Engineer, in the Signal, Feb. 23.....	3,123.76
Deficit in the General Road Fund, for 1916.....	1,200.00
	\$15,732.00

But there are many outstanding claims that cannot be known until the Treasurer makes his settlement for 1916. And there are many outstanding claims that I have not mentioned, and the taxpayers can find out about them by inquiring of their neighbors whether they are holding unpaid claims against the county.

The County Judge and the Magistrates who are assuming the responsibility of the indebtedness of the county, claim that I am responsible with them. I deny this charge. They say I was present and voted on all appropriations. The other Magistrates may assume the responsibility for the allowances I am going to mention, but I will not. These claims, as the records show, were allowed by the County Judge alone. I deny being responsible for amounts shown on

Order Book No. 2, page 24,	\$332.16
" " " 25,	580.55
" " " 27,	26.05
" " " 33,	94.90
" " " 34,	136.15
" " " 38,	403.75
" " " 39,	20.40
" " " 41,	358.10
" " " 43,	473.57
" " " 81,	534.70
" " " 89,	2.25
" " " 98,	70.04
" " " 100,	239.42
" " " 106,	332.68
" " " 107,	246.66
" " " 112,	411.61
" " " 117,	212.71
" " " 118,	1,208.98
" " " 119,	1.00
" " " 125,	245.81
" " " 127,	166.75
	\$8,099.24

Neither am I responsible for the following claims allowed:

Order Book No. 2, page 44,	\$447.15
" " " 45,	544.31
" " " 46,	977.62
" " " 47,	1,930.90
" " " 48,	241.92
" " " 49,	818.80
" " " 94,	120.00
" " " 95,	368.19
" " " 99,	258.00
	\$5,706.89

Neither am I responsible for the illegal appropriation of \$3,126.76 of the bond issue money to buy rights-of-way, build fences, and buy road tools for the county. Nor am I responsible for at least one-third of allowance that can be found on the General Road Order Book. I am not responsible for the personal expenses of the County Judge, as shown by the statement of "Bond Issue Road Fund" published in the Mt. Vernon Signal, February 23, 1917, amounting to \$159.35. I am not responsible for the item of inspection by Fiscal Court, as shown in said statement, amounting to \$95.00. It is the duty of the Road Engineer, paid by the County, and State Inspector, paid by the State and County to do this work. I am not responsible for the management of the turnpike building, except what was built under contract, because the County Judge and the then Road Engineer took this matter in their own hands, employed their own men and selected their own foremen, and paid out the money without consulting me as a member of the Fiscal Court. I am not responsible for the bond issue money being used to pay certain pets \$8.50 per day for their teams when others were working right along beside them for \$3.00. I am not responsible for the money being expended for rights of way, because it was the understanding, and the court so ordered that no rights of way should be purchased by the County out of the bond money or any other fund, and unless the rights of way were secured by people living on the proposed route the pike would not be built.

I promised you in my announcement that from time to time, I would give you facts that would support me in my claims, and a few weeks ago, after the County Judge and Magistrates had attacked me, I promised you I would give you figures to verify the statement I had made in my announcement, and I feel satisfied that after you have read the statement in full you will feel that I have fully kept my promise.

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